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## **INCIDENT UPDATE: 9223 IMOGENE, AUGUST 12**

The Houston Fire Department Arson Division has determined that a 4-year-old playing with a lighter caused the 2-alarm fire at the Copperwood Townhomes, 9223 Imogene, yesterday evening.

Shortly before 10 p.m. Houston firefighters arrived on scene at the Copperwood Townhomes to find fire coming from one unit and spreading to another unit. The incident commander called for a second alarm and the fire was tapped-out at 10:20 p.m. There were no reported injuries. The fire was contained to two units and several other units suffered smoke and water damage.

Arson investigators referred the 4-year-old to the HFD FireStoppers Program. The Houston Fire Department FireStoppers Program is a free education program for children who have played with fire. HFD urges parents to keep their lighters and matches to a minimum and out sight, out of reach and out of mind from children. If your child has been caught playing with fire, don't wait for a fire like this to call the FireStoppers Program for education. For more information please call the HFD FireStoppers Program at (713) 495-7927 or visit the HFD Website at [www.houstonfire.org](http://www.houstonfire.org).